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Dear TUSD Families,

As we have communicated our updated reopening plan options in welcoming students back to school August 11, 2020, we want to ensure that we do so in the safest way possible. Yesterday evening we were notified by the San Joaquin County Public Health Department that the safest way to provide education to our students is in the form of a Distance Learning Model through the end of August. We recognize that this Model will be extremely challenging for many of our families, however we must ensure safety for our students, staff, and families. At this time, TUSD will continue to develop a robust Distance Learning program until we are able to return to face-to-face instruction. TUSD Tk-12 Independent Study and TUSD Online Independent Study Charter School will continue to be options for our families who want to commit to a semester and/or 1-year commitment. The district will provide an information report describing an updated TUSD Reopening Plan scheduled for the Tuesday, July 21, 2020 TUSD Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Please visit our district website at <https://www.tracy.k12.ca.us/board-of-education> for more information. Please visit our district COVID-19 webpage at <https://www.tracy.k12.ca.us/parentstudent-information/health-services/coronavirus-page> for ongoing information.

The definition of TUSD Distance Learning is *instruction in which the student and instructor are in different locations. For Tracy Unified, this includes a continuum of delivery methods, such as a combination of technology, innovative use of other media (such as television), and paper- packets. This includes interacting through the use of computer and communications technology, including the use of print materials for students without access to technology, as well as delivering instruction and check-in time with their teacher remotely.*

We recognize that not all students have access to technology and internet, so we appreciate your completion of the TUSD Technology Survey to families to be completed July 10th – July 17th. Please complete the survey so we can use the information to support our families based on those most in need.

As we continue to align our TUSD Reopening Schools Plan to a Distance Learning Model, we thank you for your understanding and patience as our county stages continue to change. TUSD is committed to providing access to a public education centered on rigor, relevance, and relationships for all students, while providing COVID-19 safety measures for all students and staff. We know that our county phases will continue to change throughout the year and we will continue to monitor and evaluate our plans accordingly to align to the San Joaquin County Office of Education and San Joaquin County Health Department Guidelines.

Sincerely,
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